

What is claimed is:

1. A necklace, comprising:

a first plurality of links, each link of the first plurality having first and second hinge elements that mate with other links, the first and second hinge  
5 elements enabling articulation in a first plane; and

a second plurality of links, each link of the second plurality having first and second hinge elements that mate with other links, the first and second hinge elements enabling articulation in a second plane, where the second plane is at an angle with respect to the first plane.

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2. A necklace as set forth in claim 1, where

the first and second hinge elements of the first plurality of links restrict articulation to the first plane; and

the first and second hinge elements of the second plurality of links restrict  
15 articulation to the second plane.

3. A necklace as set forth in claim 1, where

the first plane is vertical with respect to the first plurality of links; and

the second plane is horizontal with respect to the second plurality of links.

4. A necklace as set forth in claim 1, further comprising means for connecting the first plurality of links to the second plurality of links.

5. A necklace as set forth in claim 4, where the means for connecting  
5 the first plurality of links to the second plurality of links comprises an interconnecting link comprising:

a first hinge element enables articulation in a first plane; and

a second hinge element enables articulation in a second plane, where the second plane is at an angle with respect to the first plane.

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6. A necklace as set forth in claim 5, where

the first hinge element of the interconnecting link restricts articulation to the first plane; and

the second hinge element of the interconnecting link restricts articulation  
15 to the second plane.

7. A necklace as set forth in claim 5, where

the first plane is vertical with respect to the interconnecting link; and

the second plane is horizontal with respect to the interconnecting link.

8. A link for a necklace, comprising first and second hinge elements that mate with other links, where the first and second hinge elements enable articulation of adjacent links in one plane with respect to the link.

5 9. A link for a necklace as set forth in claim 8, where the first and second hinge elements restrict articulation to one plane with respect to the link.

10 10. A link for a necklace as set forth in claim 8, where the plane is vertical with respect to the link.

11. A link for a necklace as set forth in claim 8, where the plane is horizontal with respect to the link.

12. An interconnecting link for connecting a first plurality of links to a  
15 second plurality of links in a necklace, comprising:  
a first hinge element enabling articulation in a first plane; and  
a second hinge element enabling articulation in a second plane, where the second plane is at an angle with respect to the first plane.

13. An interconnecting link as set forth in claim 12, where  
the first hinge element restricts articulation to the first plane; and  
the second hinge element restricts articulation to the second plane.

5 14. An interconnecting link as set forth in claim 12, where  
the first plane is vertical with respect to the interconnecting link; and  
the second plane is horizontal with respect to the interconnecting link.

15. A necklace, comprising:  
10 a first plurality of links, each link of the first plurality having first and  
second hinge elements that mate with other links and restrict articulation  
between the links to a plane vertical with respect to the links;  
a second plurality of links, each link of the second plurality having first and  
second hinge elements that mate with other links and restrict articulation  
15 between the links to a plane horizontal with respect to the links; and  
interconnecting links for connecting the first plurality of links to the second  
plurality of links, the interconnecting links comprising  
a first hinge element restricting articulation to the vertical plane; and  
a second hinge element restricting articulation to the horizontal plane.